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#### 1. Infrared Information

- a. Due to the silting up of Massawa Harbor with mud, the port manager has had to raise into force new loading draft for vessels using the harbor. The draft alongside the rail quay at Massawa is now 25' mean low water springs, but by the use of small wooden pontoon tenders (which are available) the draft is 29' mean low water springs.

#### 2. Aids to Navigation

- a. The following lights are in operation at Massawa:

(1) Dava Da Sabri Lighthouse (lat 15° 05' N, Long 40° 30'E)  
Details: iron framework structure painted red.

Dome painted white.

Height of 15 feet above water, 102 feet

Visibility, 15 miles.

1 flash every 5 seconds; light 1 second

darkness 5 seconds.

Period 6 seconds.

(2) Ascarim Island Lighthouse (lat 15° 31' 30"N, Long 33° 55' 00"E)  
Details: height, 34' 6"

Visibility, 7 miles.

Flashing red, 2 every 5 seconds;

1 second flash, 1 second eclipse

1 second flash, 2 second eclipse

- b. The following lights are in operation in the north end of South Massawa Channel:

(1) Kavet: 1 second flash every 5 seconds, visible 11 miles.

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- (2) Difnirin: 1 second flash every 5 seconds, visible 14 miles.
- (3) Macswa: Group flashing 2 flashes every 15 seconds, visible 11 miles.
- (4) Shuma: Group flashing 3 flashes every 12 seconds, visible 15 miles
- (5) Shab Sheikh: Fixed white light visible 11 miles
- (6) Asseb: 2 flashes every 10 seconds, visible 11 miles.

3. Pilotage

- a. The port may be entered at any time day or night. There are four pilots.

4. Tugs

- a. There are two tugs available.

5. Lighterage:

- a. There are no lighteres available.

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